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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I just finished reading your book, Case Open, and I enjoyed it very much. I've been an "assassination" or "conspiracy buff", as they like to call us, since the mid sixties. I've read many books on the assassination, and I have many more to read. I also have quite a bit of info on video tape. I only have 3 of your books - Case Open and "Whitewash" I + II (which I read in the '60's), as I've never found the other books to be available. Case Open lists your other books, and your address, so I thought I'd write and ask how I might obtain your other books. Please send me a price list.

As I said, I read 3 of your books, and have read about you many times. I also have you on tape. I believe what they say is true, that you are the father of the conspiracy theorists - I can't imagine anyone who has done more work on the subject.

Like you and many others, I believe the assassination was a huge downward turning point in American history. It also changed forever the way I look at life and the world. Though I was only 17 in 1963, and admittedly naive, I believed most of what we were told by the government, and believed the government was at least trying to do what was best for America. That all changed after the assassination, Lyndon Johnson (the American Hitler, if we ever had one), and Viet Nam. The problem, as I see it, is that, even though it's been shown time and time again that the majority of Americans believe there was a conspiracy and coverup, nothing is done about it. What can be done

about it? The media, as you pointed out in Case Open, almost always follows "Big Brother's" "company line". We saw this a few years ago when the movie "J.F.K." came out. The media was criticizing it before it was even released. In the late '70's, when the government did another study on J.F.K.'s assassination, they concluded that there was a conspiracy, and left it at that. The people didn't squawk too much, so the situation has been left at that point for nearly 20 years. How do you make the government respond - especially when many of it's citizens show little interest? I've come to believe it's too late, that we've lost too much control of our government. What do you think?

While I'm writing, I thought I'd ask you a few questions about the assassination - a few of which have bothered me for a long time.

(1) In Case Open, you mentioned that there was no evidence of a bullet passing through the front of Kennedy's shirt or necktie. Wasn't there a nick on the knot of his tie, caused by the bullet that entered his throat?

(2) Non-conspiracy "believers" (if they really are) maintain that Kennedy was shot only from the rear. TO "prove" this, they always point out the frame in the Zapruder film which shows the president's blood and brain matter exploding forward - out of the front of Kennedy's head (even as Kennedy is being thrown backward). I've never heard this explained or contradicted. Though I believe it's obvious he was shot from the front (the "kill" shot, anyway), how can his brain matter exploding forward be explained?

(3) I remember seeing a demonstration on T.V. - again trying to prove that when someone was shot, they would fall toward the direction from which they were shot. Someone put a

skull (probably filled with gelatin) on a step ladder approximately 4 or 5 feet high. They stepped back and shot it and the skull fell toward the shooter. Having done a considerable amount of target shooting, I've found that the object (target) almost always falls away from the shooter. Unless this was a trick demonstration, where the skull was shot at its very base, causing it to pivot backward, I can't explain this. What is your opinion on this demonstration?

(4) In Case Oper, you referred to Jim Marrs' book, Crossfire, as trash. Would you expand on that a bit? I thought the book was pretty good. Where do we disagree?

(5) Since the release of Case Oper, have you had any response from Gerald Posner or Random House?

In closing, I'd like to say that I hope your health has greatly improved since you wrote Case Oper. We need people like you around to keep America's eyes open.

Thank you very much for your time. Please send me your book list as soon as possible.

Very sincerely

Jack Kisling

P.S.

Would you have any idea of how I might locate a copy of Josiah Thompson's book Six Seconds in Dallas? This is one of the few early valid books I missed.